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## TWO KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENTS

### Man, Woman Victims In Bellefonte Area

Edward Kline, 30, Waddle,  
Found Pinned in Wreck-  
age of Car

#### CRASH HAPPENED 12 HOURS EARLIER

Mrs. Agnes Humphrey, 64,  
Milesburg, Struck by  
Passing Car

Two Centre Countians were killed in two motor accidents during the weekend.

Mrs. Agnes Humphrey, 64, of Milesburg, was almost instantly killed about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon when she was struck by a car driven by Martin Barnyak, 32, of near Moshannon, in front of her home in Milesburg.

Edward Kline, 30, of Waddle, was killed sometime Saturday night when his car plunged over an 18-foot embankment on the Valley View road. His lifeless body was found in the twisted wreckage of his car about 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

A coroner's jury which met at the Wetzel Memorial Chapel, Milesburg, Monday night under the direction of Coroner Charles Shecker, returned a verdict that Mrs. Humphrey had met her death through accident and that Barnyak was in no way responsible for the accident. In the Kline death, Coroner Shecker deemed an inquest unnecessary since there were no known witnesses.

According to the story related at the inquest Monday night Mrs. Humphrey's death, Barnyak, driving a sport coupe, was proceeding through Milesburg on his way to Bellefonte when he noticed two cars parked off the road to his right, opposite the Sherry welding shop. He was traveling about 20 miles an hour, following a line of traffic, he said.

As he was passing the first of the parked cars, he said, the woman stepped rapidly out on the road from between the cars. Barnyak said he applied the brakes and that he swerved sharply to the left. The action caused the front of his car to miss the pedestrian, but the handle of the right door struck her on the head, throwing her to the pavement. Barnyak said he stopped his car within a distance of 20 feet, helped place the woman in the car and started at once for the Centre County hospital. Mrs. Humphrey was dead upon arrival there.

Barnyak's testimony was substantiated by Marvin Lucas, 18, of Milesburg, who witnessed the accident from a point across the highway. He said the woman walked directly out in front of the car, adding that when Barnyak halted his car it was crosswise in the road with the left front wheel on the left curb, indicating the sharpness of his turn to avoid the woman, he said. He said it seemed to him that the woman walked into the side of the car.

Pvt. J. M. Amick, of the Pleasant Gap sub-station Motor Police, declared that his investigation supported the stories told by the pre-trial witnesses, and expressed the belief that Mrs. Humphrey had failed to see the Barnyak car approaching.

Kline's death was not discovered until about 12 hours after the accident is believed to have happened. The badly damaged car, with his body pinned inside, was discovered about 7 o'clock Sunday morning by Howard Watson and his two sons.

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### Hospital Gets \$1,000 Present

Titan Metal Repeats Gift of  
Last Year; Committee to  
Buy Equipment

One year ago the Titan Metal Manufacturing Company donated \$1000 to the Centre County Hospital for the purchase of new equipment.

To supervise and expedite the spending of this money, a committee composed of Dr. E. H. Adams, chairman, Dr. J. A. Parrish, and Dr. W. J. Schwartz was appointed. On December 2 this committee made a written report to the Titan, outlining the equipment which was purchased.

This equipment included an oxygen tent; a short wave diathermy machine for use in treating various inflammatory conditions of the joints, nerves, and muscles; an operating light for the dispensary; a tall fan for the children's ward; a colorimeter, an instrument used in the laboratory for determining blood chemistry.

A further gift of \$1000 is to be presented to the same committee this month by the Titan Company, it was announced yesterday. This money will be expended under the same conditions as the company's gift of last year.

### Truck-Trailer Upsets at Milesburg Crossing

A large truck-trailer outfit owned by the Yankee Truck Lines, of Akron, Ohio, skidded and overturned near the Weaver crossing at Milesburg about 5:30 o'clock Monday morning, coming to rest in such a position that one-way traffic only was possible around the machine until wreckers succeeded in moving it off the road late Monday night.

According to reports the big vehicle, loaded with mixed freight which included a 2800-pound cast-iron, was proceeding from Tyrone toward Milesburg when it went into a skid at the crossing. No one was injured.

### DECEMBER CIVIL COURT ENDS HERE FRIDAY

The regular December civil court came to a conclusion Friday morning when a jury returned a verdict in favor of John W. Kimmel, a Penn State College student, defendant in a damage suit.

The suit was brought by Gerald R. Schreffler, of Bellefonte, who was injured in a coasting accident last January. The jury verdict did not require Kimmel, owner of the car which was involved in the accident, to pay damages.

Mike Zuzick, plaintiff in a case resulting from a motor accident, was awarded a verdict of \$638 by a jury. Philip Morrone was defendant in the case.

A jury also awarded Harold Williams, of Port Matilda, \$1,385.18 in another case developing from a motor accident. The defendants were C. P. Hassinger and Harry W. Hassinger, of Philipsburg.

In a dispute arising over rent, Peter Mendis, of Bellefonte, was awarded \$50 by a jury. The case involved an appeal from a justice of the peace. Howard F. Hicks was the defendant.

### Recruiting Office Open in Bellefonte

The United States Army has opened a recruiting office at the local post office building to facilitate the recruiting of young men locally and from the surrounding districts.

Sergeant Oscar L. Hardy, who is in charge of the station, is available to interested young men. He has arranged for physical examinations to be made locally, thereby eliminating unnecessary delay. Openings available are: Air Corps, Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Air Corps, Biloxi, Miss.; (for qualified mechanics only); Signal Corps; and Army of the United States, unassigned.

There are a few minor relaxations whereby married men having only one dependent, may enlist, if they can get said dependent to sign a dependency release.

It is suggested that anyone interested in any further information on the above, to inquire at the post office.

### BHS Alumni Dinner- Dance December 30

Reservations for the Bellefonte High School Alumni Association dinner-dance to be held at the Penn Belle Hotel, Tuesday evening, December 30, must be in the hands of the dance committee members or at the hotel not later than December 26, it was announced yesterday.

The dinner will begin at 7:30 p. m. and dancing will be held in the dining room immediately afterward. Members of the committee in charge are Frank McGovern, chairman, Annette Decker, Joseph McGowan, Gertrude Poorman and Kathryn Coble, president of the organization.

Tickets will be \$1.25 each and the dinner dance is open to all alumni and guests.

### CLEARFIELD LUMBERMAN KILLED BY OWN TRACTOR

H. M. Sharrow, 45-year-old Clearfield county lumberman, was killed instantly one morning last week when the caterpillar tractor he was driving toppled over on him and crushed his head.

Dr. Gerald A. Erhard, deputy coroner from Curwensville, investigated the tragedy. Sharrow was working on a logging operation for the Murphy Mill at Falls Creek, where he lived, when he met his death. He was shaking a heavy log and it is believed that the log became snubbed on a root while the tractor was turned. This caused the machine to upset and crush the driver.

Sharrow is survived by his widow and six children.

Graduates at Army School  
Dr. Eugene H. Mateer, of State College, a lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army, was graduated from the Medical Field Service School at the Carlisle barracks Saturday morning. Dr. Mateer is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

### Becomes Priest



Dr. Herbert Koepf-Baker (above), of State College, temporarily in charge of St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte, was elevated to the priesthood in a colorful ceremony at Christ Memorial Episcopal church, Danville, Saturday morning.

The Rev. Canon Stuart F. Gast, of Williamsport, formerly of Bellefonte, was master of ceremonies for the ordination.

Dr. Koepf-Baker, head of the Penn State speech clinic, has been in charge of the Bellefonte church during the Rev. Robert H. Thomas' sick leave in the south.

### Prisoner's Term To Be Adjusted

Man Who Pleaded Guilty in  
Indiana, Pa., Sentenced on  
Wrong Count

Acting upon a habeas corpus petition presented by J. Carl Riebel, inmate at Rockview penitentiary, Judge Ivan Walker at a special session of court Monday morning indicated that Riebel should be released from prison, but would be taken back to Indiana county for resentencing.

District Attorney Musser W. Getting told the court that Riebel was sentenced in Indiana county on October 19, 1936 on pleas of guilty to charges of arson and operating a car without the owner's consent. On the arson charge he was given a 5 to 10 year term, and on the other charge the judge, apparently in error, gave him a sentence of from 1 to 2 years in prison, entering the charge on the docket as larceny of a car instead of driving without the owner's permission.

Riebel's attorney, William W. Little, related that the man has served his minimum time of 5 years on the arson charge. The motor violation with which he was charged is not a penitentiary offense, but carries a jail term, so the local court, with the concurrence of the District Attorney and the defense counsel, is to send Riebel back to Indiana county court to have the sentence adjusted.

### REUNION FEATURE OF CENTRE HALL BANQUET

The Centre Hall Parent-Teacher Association will serve a roast turkey dinner for the annual Centre Hall-Potter Alumni banquet and dance in the school music room and gymnasium Tuesday evening, December 30, at 6:30 o'clock.

A special feature of the banquet program will be celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the classes of 1911, 1912, 1913, and 1914 respectively, according to Donald Coldron, chairman.

Casey's Rhythmairs have been engaged for the dancing.

### 75 ATTEND DEFENSE MEETING AT YARNELL

A total of seventy-five men and boys, ranging from 12 years and up in age and representing a one-hundred per cent turn-out of male citizens of the area, attended a civilian defense meeting at the Yarnell school house, Tuesday last week.

Malcolm Weisler, of Milesburg, civil defense leader for the area, who called the meeting, presented tentative plans for defense measures to be followed in that section. Various branches of the work have been apportioned among the area's volunteers.

### 100 Dressed Turkeys Burn

One hundred dressed turkeys, on their way to a Williamsport market for sale and consumption as the festive holiday bird, were burned when the crates in which they were contained on the rear of an open truck caught fire two miles east of Muncy Sunday evening. Also on the rear of the light truck were 200 other turkeys, which were rescued in time to prevent any damage.

Milesburg Pastor Resigns  
The Rev. Harry O. Kline has announced his resignation as pastor of the Milesburg and Blanchard Baptist churches in order that he may accept a call from the First Baptist church at Milton. His last service at the Milesburg and Blanchard churches will be Jan. 11.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

With these simple words . . . this simple wish . . . we bring to all our readers and friends the message that is highest in our hearts today!

HOW this year has sped by. Fraught with concern over world affairs—wrought in concentration on the speeding up and moving forward of our own defense program, the days and months have folded each into the other with such seeming rapidity that most of us just a few weeks back had to stop in our tracks and re-gear our thinking, our activities, our emotions, to plan and carry out the business of Christmas.

That's why we want to do our share to endow this Christmas with welcome old-fashioned sentiment, a blessing that only we who are observing Christmas in America can appreciate.

This Christmas, let there be a prayer in our hearts that the word of He whose birth we celebrate, be re-heard and remembered around the world; and that it will leave an unfading echo of the soul-satisfying stillness of peace.

And at this dawn of a New Year, we wish to convey to all our readers and patrons a merry portion of good health, prosperity and good fortune always, and may 1942 bring about the realization of all your hopes.



THE PUBLISHERS.

### Titan Workers Get 5% Bonus

\$38,000 to be Distributed in  
Defense Bonds; Wage In-  
crease Announced

Announcement of a 5 per cent bonus on all earnings for the past 11 months, and a wage increase of 3 cents an hour for all wage earners, brought an extra measure of cheer from the Christmas season to the 780 employees of the Titan Metal Company.

Announcement of the two benefits was made in the monthly issue of Titan News, publication of the personnel department of Titan Metal, which was distributed among employees, Monday.

The bonus for salaried employees will be one month's pay, officials said, while the bonus for wage earners will represent well over two weeks' pay. The largest check to an hourly employee was \$165.

The total amount of bonus money to be distributed will be \$44,225.50. The 1940 bonus was \$38,000, and the 1939 bonus was \$40,000.

The bonus this year is being paid in Defense Bonds instead of cash, the hope of the company being to encourage employees to start saving money for a time in the future when conditions may be vastly changed from the present high earning period.

To pay the bonus the company purchased 331 of the \$18.75 Defense bonds; 318 of the \$37.50 and 527 of the \$75 bonds or a total of 1,176.

The bonds mature in a period of ten years at which time the \$18.75 will have a value of \$25; the \$37.50 will increase to \$50, and the \$75 to \$100. The bonds are convertible into cash in sixty days by selling them back to the government.

Details of the wage increase were contained in a supplemental agreement between Federal Labor Union No. 19981 and the Titan Company. The matter of adjusting base rates on a moving cost of living index was a matter of discussion between the parties to the agreement for a period of over nine months. It was finally, on November 28, that the present agreement was signed. This increase was based on a 4.25 increase in the cost of living index from June 15 to October 15, 1941.

### More Goats to Be Kept

Interest in keeping goats for milk production in Pennsylvania has been increasing—possibly because of the rising cost of cow's milk—according to W. R. White, professor of agricultural correspondence courses at the Pennsylvania State College. Sixty-eight inquiries have been received within ten days regarding a newly prepared course in the care and maintenance of milk goats, according to Professor White.

### Murder Investigator Gets Government Post

Pvt. James H. Griffith, of Boalsburg, has resigned his post with the State Police at Rockview sub-station and has accepted an appointment to the U. S. Secret Service, according to reports.

Pvt. Griffith, one of the first police officers at the scene of the Rachel Taylor slaying March 28, 1940, had been working steadily on the investigation ever since that time. The investigation has been turned over to Pvt. Carl Hartman, of the State Police detective bureau at Harrisburg, who is being assisted from time to time by other officers.

Pvt. Griffith is now stationed temporarily in Philadelphia but is expected to be given another assignment in the near future. Until his plans are definite Mrs. Griffith and their young daughter will continue to occupy their home at Boalsburg.

### County Library Gets New Bookmobile

The Centre County Library Bookmobile was delivered here Monday and Library officials announced yesterday that Bookmobile service to the rural schools will be the first service to be opened.

Mrs. Carl Iverson, librarian, reported that contributions to the Bookmobile fund are still being received but that the total cost of the vehicle, approximately \$1,200 has not been subscribed at this time.

The machine was built by the Brumbaugh Body Works, of Altoona, to designs drawn by Mrs. Iverson. It embodies a number of features which Mrs. Iverson believes will give the vehicle a maximum of serviceability. The Bookmobile is mounted on a Dodge chassis secured through the Decker Motor Company, Bellefonte.

### SHORT COURSE IN GENERAL AGRICULTURE OPENS JAN. 7

A four-week short course in general agriculture, covering the fundamentals of good farming as applied to Pennsylvania, will open at the Pennsylvania State College January 7.

Farm youths will find this course most profitable. A. L. Beam, director of short courses, said today. Information given in the care and repair of tractors and farm machinery or the use of fertilizer may yield an immediate return, he pointed out.

The course is considered basic and is recommended to those who intend to take the animal husbandry or dairy farming courses which follow. In addition, knowledge of best agricultural practices helps to solve farm problems when labor is scarce and materials hard to obtain.

Further information regarding the course may be had by writing to the Director of Short Courses, Dairy Building, State College, Pa.

### Youths Burned In Explosion

Air Raid Watchers at Snow  
Shoe Showered With  
Blazing Oil

Two Snow Shoe High School students were burned, one of them seriously, when a kerosene stove used to heat an air raid observation post at the fire tower at Snow Shoe exploded, showering them with flaming oil.

Vincent Durachko, 16, of Clarence, suffered third degree burns of the left leg and first degree burns of the left hand, arm, and the face.

David Eiters, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eiters, of Snow Shoe, had burns of the face.

The accident happened about noon, Saturday, when the youths reportedly attempted to refill the stove reservoir without first extinguishing the fire. The two were helped to the offices of a Snow Shoe physician by two other boys who had gone to the tower to relieve them.

Durachko's burns were of such nature that physicians advised against taking him to a hospital, and he is now undergoing treatment at his home. His condition is reported to be "satisfactory."

### DEFENSE COURSE STUDENTS COMPLETE GROUP OF TESTS

The approximately 175 students taking courses in the Bellefonte center of the Pennsylvania State College's engineering defense training program completed a group of psychological tests last week, according to Alexander Morris, III, administrative head for the center.

Tests were given for vocational interests, general intelligence, personality and aptitude. Intended to give each student an indication of his special abilities, they will also be used for research at Penn State and as an aid in placement.

The tests, which were similar to those given during the College's previous defense training programs, will be interpreted individually and returned to the students before the end of the course.

### HOME NURSING COURSE OPENS AT MILESBURG

The Milesburg Woman's Club will sponsor a home nursing course beginning on Tuesday, January 13. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Friday night in the Milesburg Council chambers, from 7 to 9 p. m. The course will be given by the Red Cross.

Persons wishing to enroll for training are requested to register as soon as possible with Miss Bease A. Miles, club president, or Mrs. Malcolm Wetzer, Miss Miles announces that a class in knitting will be organized after the holidays.

### Young Smoker



RONALD E. KING

Ronald Eugene King, aged 2 years, 8 months, of Pine Glen, came to Bellefonte to do some Christmas shopping last Friday. Smoking five Brothers fine-cut tobacco in a briar pipe, the youngster, who is probably one of the nation's youngest regular tobacco users, was seeking a pair of boxing gloves for Christmas.

Ronald lives with his uncle, Mark Forrester, and his cousin, Marvin Morseau, at Pine Glen, and on the trip to Bellefonte he was accompanied by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mackel, also of Pine Glen.

"He first began smoking when he was only 8 months old," the youngster's grandmother declared. "He smokes quite frequently, and wherever he goes people always are amazed to see him puffing his pipe," she continued.

Ronald really smokes. He gets the smoke into his mouth and sometimes the strong fumes get down into his little lungs and make him cough.

The youth is of rugged build and apparently is in perfect health, he believes in Santa Claus, but with reservations.

At a local hardware store, Friday, he picked up a hammer some one had left on a low shelf. He started walking away with it. "Where are you going with that hammer?" his grandmother asked.

"I'm taking it home," said Ronald, exhaling a cloud of blue smoke. "If Santa Claus doesn't bring me what I want I'm going to knock the h--- out of him!"

### Two-County Probe of Suicide Victim

Investigate Death of Man Who  
Succumbed to Self-Inflicted  
Wounds

Nine years of illness was blamed for the despondency which led Adolph Anderson, 41, of Grandfield, to make a double attempt on his own life last Thursday afternoon. His attempts resulted in his death at the McGirk Sanitarium, Philipsburg, Wednesday morning.

He was found by his brother Albin Anderson, Tuesday, shortly after noon. He had stabbed himself in the left chest, above the heart, with a paring knife and he had hit himself on the head with a hammer.

Coroner Charles Shecker, of Centre county, and Coroner Dr. E. S. Erhard, of Clearfield county, conducted a double investigation of the death on Wednesday as the suicide attempt was made in Clearfield county and the death occurred in Centre county.

Death was said to have resulted from internal bleeding from the lung, resulting from the knife stab. The knife missed the heart but punctured the lung. He suffered severe lacerations of the right side of the skull and forehead and concussion of the brain. The deceased was not married.

### Sieg to Speak at Milesburg Meeting

W. W. Sieg, of the Titan Metal Company, Bellefonte, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Milesburg Woman's Club to be held on Tuesday evening, January 6, at the Milesburg Baptist church. Mr. Sieg's topic will be "National Defense."

Entertainment will include selections by a men's chorus. The meeting will be held after the service being held in connection with the Week of Prayer. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### 3 Centre Countians Enlist In Air Corps

Carl Beach, 18, of Philipsburg; John C. McCloskey, 28, of Millheim, and Fred A. Stover, 21, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, last week enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Corps. Beach and Stover at the Altoona recruiting station, and McCloskey at Lewisport.

All will receive their preliminary training at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

### Roast Turkey Is Feature of County Menus

Fine Meals in Offing For  
Inmates of Prisons,  
Hospital, Home

### SANTA TO CALL ON HOSPITAL PATIENTS

950 Rockview Inmates  
Will Dine on Fried  
Pork Chops

The three Centre county institutions in Bellefonte, the jail, the hospital, and the County Home, will serve roast turkey for dinner on Christmas day, while the menu at Rockview penitentiary will be headed by fried pork chops, a survey yesterday revealed.

Other items on the jail menu will include filling, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, baked corn, celery, cake, nuts, candy and cigars. Approximately 20 persons, none of them women, are expected to be Sheriff Miller's "guests" for Christmas dinner.

The hospital menu will include all the usual side dishes that go with a turkey dinner, attaches said yesterday. Santa Claus will visit each room in the hospital for a brief chat with patients, and Christmas trees in the sun porches lend a holiday air to the institution. There also are trees in the children's ward and at the nurses' home.

Monday night the 30 or more nurses employed at the hospital held a party at the nurses' home. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served.

The County Home menu will include mince, giblet, gravy, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, milk, coleslaw, coffee and bread and butter. The evening meal will consist of fruit salad, cakes, and asparagus on toast. A total of 66 patients, men and women, will be on hand for the Christmas dinner, Superintendent William Writmer reported.

Monday night group of persons from State College visited the home, distributed gifts to guests and served ice cream. Sunday afternoon special music services were in charge of a group from Howard.

Christmas decorations at the home include a Christmas tree at the entrance. The institution will distribute gifts, candy and other delicacies among the guests on Christmas day. At Rockview the Christmas program will include appearances of the prison band at the morning services and during the dinner hour, while movies will be shown in the evening. Approximately 95 inmates will be served the following menus during the day, according to an announcement from the offices of Superintendent J. W. Claudy:

- BRREAKFAST
- Wheat Krumbles with milk and sugar
- Mixed Fruit
- Butter, Jelly Roll, Bread, Syrup, Coffee, Milk and Sugar
- One Apple
- DINNER
- Fried Pork Chops
- Browned Potatoes with Brown Gravy
- Sage Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Creamery Butter
- iced Cake
- Bread and Syrup
- Coffee, Milk and Sugar
- Ice Cream
- Stogies
- SUPPER
- Sliced Salami
- Mustard
- Riced Tomato Soup
- Crackers
- Raisin Pie
- Bread and Syrup
- Coffee with Milk and Sugar

### PENN STATE STUDENT ON FRED ALLEN PROGRAM

A Pennsylvania State College student, Leon Rabinowitz, of Philadelphia, who impersonates the radio and movie stars, will appear on Fred Allen's program on Wednesday, January 7.

Rabinowitz was selected for the radio appearance by Penn State students after a "talent night" in which 25 students participated. The winner receives \$200 for his personal appearance with the Fred Allen show.

### MORRISDALE MAN IN JAIL ON CHARGE OF ASSAULT

George Dullen, 34, of Morrisdale, is in the Centre county jail under \$200 bail awaiting appearance in court on an assault and battery charge.

He was committed to jail after a hearing Friday afternoon before Squire Mac Faraday of Philipsburg.

### Square Dance, Friday

The weekly square dance held by the Logan Fire Company will be held at the Logan House, East Howard street, on Friday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited. Admission 25 cents.